

Maryland Community Health **Resources Commission**

Public Health Safety Net and Special Populations Work Group

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Central Questions raised in the Interim Report of the Council

- **What should be expected of traditional safety net providers in an environment in which more people have insurance coverage?**
- **How can the capacity of these providers be leveraged and fostered?**

CHRC's Policymaking Function

- **HB 627/SB 775 (2005) set forth broad policymaking function for Commission:**
 - **Identify “medical home” for every Marylander**
 - **Develop integrated, interconnected systems of care**
 - **Develop common HIT platform for community health centers**
 - **Reduce non-emergent visits to Maryland hospital EDs and “reverse-referral” programs**
 - **Develop access to specialty care networks for uninsured and low-income Marylanders**
- **Grants are the means, not the end. The end is to:**
 - (1) **Develop interconnected systems of care**
 - (2) **Fund innovative projects that illuminate the path to systematic/statewide reform**

CHRC: Targeting Maryland's most pressing health care needs

- ***Expanding Access to Primary Care at Maryland's safety net providers-*** 22 projects, \$6.2 million awarded, 17,275 patients seen, 75,484 visits provided.
- ***Increase Access to Dental Care for Low-income Marylanders-*** 17 projects, \$4.4 million awarded, 27,556 patients seen, 58,750 visits provided.
- ***Addressing Infant Mortality-*** 9 projects, \$2.0 million awarded, 1,137 patients seen, 5,662 visits provided.
- ***Reducing health care costs through ER Diversions-*** 6 projects, \$1.9 million awarded, 9,569 patients seen, 12,390 visits provided.
- ***Promoting Health Information Technology at community health centers-*** 7 projects, \$3.1 million awarded.
- ***Providing Access to Mental Health and Drug Treatment Services-*** 10 projects, \$3.3 million, 3,003 patients seen, 14,788 visits provided.
- ***Addressing health care needs of Co-Occurring Individuals-*** 7 projects, \$2.3 million awarded, 880 patients seen, 32,114 visits provided.

CHRC: Aligning its grant resources **to support the priorities of DHMH**

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Focus Area	# of Projects Funded	Total Award Provided	Cumulative Total	
			Patients Seen/Enrolled	Visits Provided
Expanding Access to Primary Care at Maryland's safety net providers	22	\$6,256,112	17,275	75,484
Increasing Access to Dental Care for Low-income Marylanders	17	\$4,419,428	27,556	58,750
Addressing Infant Mortality	9	\$2,059,047	1,137	5,662
Reducing health care costs through ER Diversions	6	\$1,994,327	9,569	12,390
Promoting Health Information Technology at community health centers	7	\$3,147,035	Health Information Technology	
Providing Access to Mental Health and Drug Treatment Services	10	\$3,395,757	3,003	14,788
Addressing health care needs of Co-Occurring Individuals	7	\$2,364,737	880	32,114
Total Grant Funding Provided	78	\$23,636,443	60,720	208,547
Total Funding Requested	295	\$112,029,230		
Number of Patients Served/Enrolled	60,720			
Number of Patients Visits/Services Provided	208,547			
Additional federal and private resources leveraged	23	\$4,885,959		

**CHRC: Making Sustainable & Meaningful
Investments in Maryland's health care infrastructure**

- **Awarded 78 grants totaling \$23.6 million from FY 2007 to FY 2011.**
- **These 78 grants have supported programs in all 24 jurisdictions in Maryland.**
- **These 78 grants have served more than 60,720 patients with 208,547 patient visits.**

CHRC: Leveraging additional resources

- **Over the last five years, CHRC has received 295 grant requests, totaling more than \$112 million in funding requests.**
- **CHRC grant resources have enabled grantees to leverage an additional \$4.8 million, in additional federal, local and private/non-profit resources.**

CHRC Safety Net Reform White Paper

- **The CHRC is supporting the work of safety net providers and serve an “incubating” role as Maryland implements reform**
- **There are two main sections of the white paper, which is designed to be a “jumping off point”:**

(1) Systems Transformation

- **Assisting Safety Net Providers**
- **Network Adequacy Issues**
- **Health Information Technology**

(2) Needs Assessment

- **Comprehensive Needs Assessment**
- **MUP/MUA Designation and Competition for Federal Resources**
- **Workforce Shortage Issues**

CHRC Safety Net Reform White Paper

- **The CHRC, which was designed to bolster Maryland's diverse health care infrastructure, is eager to support the work of the Reform Coordinating Council**
- **Over the last few months, the Commission has been working with a number of stakeholders, including DHMH leadership, FQHC associations, local health departments, and others to identify the central questions involving safety net providers**
- **The CHRC looks forward to receiving feedback on this white paper from the Work Group**